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In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian
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Group Art Unit: 2876
Examiner: D. Rodriguez
Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK
AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE

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In response to the Official Action mailed December 28, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the application as follows.